

PATENT CLAIMS:

1. A contactor having box terminals, comprising
 - a switching device housing including a bottom housing part, a top housing part (2) and a front-side housing cover,
 - contact straps (8) which are secured in the top housing part (2) and laterally protrude therefrom, and
 - box-like terminal housings which can be latched to the top housing part (2) from the terminal sides (10, 12) by means of latch means, and further comprising the box terminals (20) which are held in said terminal housings and surround the contact straps (8),wherein
 - the housing cover is composed of two substantially right-angled cover halves (4, 6) whose front-side cover legs (16) are located opposite each other in close proximity; and
 - the cover halves (4, 6) are designed as terminal housings in terms of their terminal-side cover legs (18) and attachable to the top housing part (2).
2. The contactor as recited in the preceding claim,
wherein the side walls (32) of the top housing part (2) are provided with guide means (34) running parallel to the front side (14) and perpendicular to the terminal sides (10, 12) and cooperating with mating guide means (36) formed on the front-side cover legs (16).
3. The contactor as recited in the preceding claim,
wherein the guide means (34) cooperate with the mating guide means (36) in a clamping manner.
4. The contactor as recited in one of the two preceding claims,
wherein the guide means (34) take the form of inwardly projecting guide ribs, and the mating guide means (36) take the form of guide grooves.
5. The contactor as recited in one of the preceding claims,

wherein the side walls (32) of the top housing part (2) laterally embrace the terminal-side cover legs (18) and cooperate with said terminal-side cover legs in a latching manner.

6. The contactor as recited in the preceding claim,
wherein latch means (38) provided on the terminal-side cover legs (18) cooperate with mating latch means (40) provided on the side walls (32).